GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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LAND EROSION BY RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total assessment made in regard to the land erosion caused by rivers along with the area of land in million hectare rendered waste as a result thereof;

(b) the total number of villages displaced in the country due to such erosion, State-wise; and

(c) the efforts being made by the Government to rehabilitate the people of said villages along with the schemes being implemented in this regard, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) No such assessment has been made by Government of India.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply under para (a) above.

(c) The rehabilitation of people, if affected by erosion falls within the purview of the state Government. However, the GoI is providing technical, advisory and financial assistance of promotional nature to State Government for control & management of erosion in critical reaches through various Programmes viz (i) Soil conservation in the catchments of River valley Project and flood Prone River (RVP & FPR) (ii) National Watershed Development Programme for rainfed areas (NWDPRA) (ii) reclamation and development of Alkali & Acid soils (RADAS) (iv) Watershed development Project in Shifting Cultivation areas (WDPSCA) and Flood Management Programme (FMP).